

MANTUA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Held August 4th, 2016

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The Board of Trustees of Mantua Township convened in regular session from 7:32pm to 9:45pm in the Mantua Township Hall. Chairman Jason Carlton called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present: Jason Carlton, John Festa, Victor Grimm, Trustees. Jodie Thompson, Fiscal Officer. Susan Skrovan, Zoning Commission Secretary. Jim Aldrich, Sexton. Several residents.

Introduction

Chairman Jason Carlton called the meeting to order and requested that everyone silence their cell phones. The pledge of allegiance was led by John Dickey.

RES 122-16 Motion to approve the July 21st meeting minutes by Victor Grimm, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

Financial Report

The Fiscal Officer did not present a financial report.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following correspondence:

- Letter from Carole Pollard regarding bullpen area
- Aetna letter of coverage and group information
- Letter of Department of Commerce regarding liquor permits
- Approved budget from Janet Esposito

Zoning Report

John provided his typed report. He stated income from permits was \$420. Verbal and written violation notices given to various places. Zuver was in court for scrap and junk in his commercial area. His attorney came up with an agreement, trustees must decide to accept or not.

RES 123-16 Motion to accept the legal agreement for Zuver by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton, Yes. John Festa, Yes. Victor Grimm, Yes.

Zoning Commission

Lynn stated that the legal descriptions for each district are being updated by Regional Planning. Chris Meduri advised them to hold a public hearing before adding it to the zoning book.

Cemetery

Jim provided his report. He stated his total income for the month is \$760. Burials were \$450; grave sales were \$250 and a foundation for \$60.

Portage County Airport

John provided a flyer for an event at the Portage County Airport on September 3rd from 8am-3pm. There will be other vehicles on display for the public to come see. John would like to take the new township truck down for display.

Road Report

Jason stated that chipping & sealing had begun on Coldbrook and School Lane. Finishing up surveying on Mennonite where it T's into Vaughn Rd. Also will be surveying on School Lane. Bill Kelley asked Jason knew when they would be out. Jason stated he will ask and have them give us a heads up when they are coming.

Mantua Township Beautification Committee

Provided gazebo plan of action, they are asking for the trustees to approve the next step. Jason provided his thoughts on the beautification of the area, would like to see it need less maintenance and he likes the idea of the project. A resident asked if the road would be re-opened. Vic and Jason both answered no.

Vic asked if the gazebo will be reviewed by the county building department. Jim answered yes.

Amy stated plantings will be determined next spring.

Jason stated he would like to review the plan of action for the gazebo.

Vic asked if the group is maintaining minutes and if they have a bank account & if it's been reported to the state and if a PO Box has been set up. Amy answered yes to all.

John asked how much money has been raised for this project. Amy stated almost \$5000. She named a bunch of volunteers and companies that are willing to lend a hand and/or materials for this project. John stated any group

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or person that has come before the board that the trustees are always willing to help and listen. John said the group has his backing and to let him know if there is anything he can do to help. John also asked about the number of parking spaces planned for the bullpen area. They are unsure if they have to have handicapped spaces and how many, so they are waiting to hear back about that.

Nick Ehlert thanked the group for their hard work on the bullpen. Raised many questions regarding the area such as:

Why the bullpen is safe now, when it was determined a few years ago that it was unsafe for the veteran's memorial. Questions about mounding around the bullpen. What are the usage plans for the area? Suggested safer locations, such as the ballfield by the church that isn't used or the area beside the school.

John thanked him for bringing some very valid points to the table.

Vic told him that the Portage County engineers did come out to review the berm. Explained the liability with a berm and why it is preferred to have some that is breakaway, like a split rail fence.

Jason said there are trees in the bullpen that are in need of removal. Asked the group to focus on the trees and cleanup of the area. Stated the next step can be discussed at the next meeting.

Sue asked the trustees about insurance for workers that will be volunteering.

Trustee Reports

New Business

Jason stated Crestwood Community Day will be held on August 14th. Provided a flyer about it.

John spoke about the elevator project. Bids were opened last Friday. John's employer, Gable Elevator, won the bid. John asked Chris Meduri's opinion on the possibility of conflict of interest being that John is a trustee and he works for Gable, because of the pledged money towards the elevator project by the trustees. Chris advised John to abstain from voting on or signing anything related to the elevator project. John provided correspondence between him and Chris. It has been decided there is a conflict of interest and Gable elevator will be handing the job over to another company.

Dave Pollard asked if the township added our money to another project entirely. John stated he did not feel comfortable having Gable continue with the project because of the conflict of interest.

Vic nothing

Old Business

Vic asked if I had sent the information to the lawyer about the court case. I stated that I had. I had found some additional meeting minutes regarding the flooding on Mantua Center Road and will be sending those as well. John asked MaryAnn if she will be going forward with the survey, she stated it was going to cost a lot of money. She stated she had spoken to Beth Pearson about surveying the property. She is waiting to hear back from her landlord to see if she would be willing to pay for the survey.

The following spoke during Public Comment

Linda Ehlert – she agreed with the statements made by Nick about the safety concerns about the bullpen. Also stated Dana from First Energy will be attending our next meeting and presenting the trustees with a check.

Bill Kelley – made some suggestions about parking and traffic flow during voting on School lane.

Carole Pollard – supports Nick's ideas. Stated it is a complex intersection of Diagonal, Mantua Center and State Route 82. Asking if the trustees can hold public meetings for this project.

Jan Oros – Asking Amy Janca if the meetings are public and asking how donations can be made. Amy stated the meetings are held every other Tuesday and are at a private residence.

Dave Pollard – agrees with safety concerns in the bullpen area. Also asked if Frost was graded recently.

RES 124-16 Motion to pay bills made by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

Mantua Township paid bills 8/4/2016

22121 Cole Benjamin \$559.63
 22122 Brian Anthony Tayerle \$1,138.42
 22123 Daniel R Wysznski \$1,232.82
 22124 J & B Fleet \$26.04
 22125 Shalersville Asphalt \$980.49
 22126 Time Warner Cable \$75.06
 22127 Chase Bank \$6.01
 22128 Charles E Harris & Associates \$495.00
 22129 Republic Services \$4,668.14
 22130 Aris Company \$158.00
 22131 Perfect Choice Auto Body \$230.99

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22132 Ohio Edison \$144.29
22133 Miller & Company \$75.00
22134 Mantua Auto Parts \$107.31
22135 Haylett's Corner Store & BP \$141.79
22136 Western Reserve Farm Coop \$573.15
22137 McMaster-Carr Supply Company \$54.25
22138 Ohio Public Entity Consortium \$28.00
22139 Ohio Insurance Services Agency \$455.97
22140 Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel \$1,624.09
22141 Industrial Landscaping & Services, Inc \$2,100.00
22142 Record Publishing Company \$9.50
22143 Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden \$65.64
22144 Dominion East Ohio \$109.52
22145 Shalersville Asphalt \$1,580.74
22146 Sunburst Environmental Company \$45.35
22147 Lake Business Products \$143.95
22148-50 VOID
22151 Aetna \$189.98
22152 AFLAC Benefit Services \$39.40
22153 Ohio Deferred Comp \$150.00
22154 Staples Credit Plan \$117.22
22155 AT&T \$400.45

RES 125 -16 Motion to adjourn made by Jason Carlton, seconded by John Festa. Vote as follows: Jason Carlton yes, John Festa yes, Victor Grimm, yes.

Victor Grimm

Jason Carlton

John Festa

Jodie Thompson, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Mantua Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.